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An Interview With Peck, Marchetti, Marks and Stern

RENE CARPENTER: Let me introduce my guests to you: Winslow Peck, the editor of Counter-Spy. Victor Marchetti, former high-level CIA official and coauthor of "The CIA and the Cult of Intelligence," along with John Marks. And Larry Stern, national affairs writer covering the Church Committee.

Winslow, maybe we could start out with Counter-Spy magazine. What is it? What's it link to the Fifth Estate? What is the Fifth Estate?

WINSLOW PECE: Counter-Spy is the organ of the organizing committee for the Fifth Estate. The Fifth Estate is a community of citizens that are concerned about abuse of power in our national security bureaucracy.

CARPENTER: Who are they?

PECK: Well, the center of the community is a network of researchers who are on college campuses across the country that are looking into abuse of power on the national as well as the local level. And we are opposed to abuse of power in several areas: first, the massive corruption and criminality that we see, not only in the security bureaucracies, but in many levels of our government.

CARPENTER: Why do you publish the names of CIA agents?

PECK: We publish the names of CIA agents to reinforce the political fact of what the CIA is and what they do in our name, that they are a secret police force that has never acted in the interests of the American people. Publishing the names demystifies the power of the CIA.